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Maternity ward in the Local Fund Hospital, Ottapalam.

* 183 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a building for a maternity ward of ten beds has been donated to the Local Fund Hospital, Ottapalam, as a bequest by Sri E. P. Raman Nayar; and

(*b*) whether there are beds or equipment for the maternity ward?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to explain what he means by ' Yes ' ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A maternity ward with ten beds has been constructed by the Malabar District Board with the donation received from Sri C. P. Madhava Menon, Ottapalam Producers-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society and Panchayat Board and it has been named E. P. Raman Nair Ward."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the Hon. Minister has not answered the second part of my question."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there are ten beds. Furniture and necessary equipment have been supplied."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Has the ward been provided with staff such as nurses and so on? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I said the ward has been provided with furniture, equipment and linen. It means that there must be the necessary staff also." (Laughter.)

Arrears due from the Tramway Company for the supply of electricity.

* 184 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of arrears due to the Government from the Tramway Company; and

(*b*) the total number of tram cars of the Tramway Company and the number out of them which are in working condition?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—
" (*a*) According to the revised rates adopted by the Electricity Department, the arrears due from the Company for electricity supplied to it, work out to Rs. 9,26,186–2–3 as against the liability for a sum of Rs. 3½ lakhs roughly, admitted by the Company.

" (*b*) The Company had at the time of closing down its service on the 11th April 1953 about 109 tram cars. The Government have no information as to the number of cars in working condition."

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SRI A. RATNAM :—" சென்னையில் ட்ராம் வண்டிகளை ஓட்டுவது சாத்தியமில்லாவிட்டால் கடலூரில் போக்குவரத்து வசதியில்லாமல் இருப்பதன் காரணமாக அவைகளைக் கடலூரில் ஓட்டுவதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" ஒரிஜினல் கேள்விக்கும் இதற்கும் என்ன சம்பந்தம் இருக்கிறது ? "

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" ட்ராம் கம்பெனியை பல ரிசர்வ் கான்ஸ்டபிள்கள் பாரா கொடுத்துக் காவல் புரிந்தும்கூட, அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியாமல் எப்படி ஐந்து லட்சம் ரூபாய் பெறுமான சாமான்கள் வெளியே கொண்டு போகப்பட்டது என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" I waut notice for that question, Sir."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know what steps have been taken by the Government of Madras to realize the balance of amount which is due from the Company to the Government? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Sir, we have filed a suit against the Company in the High Court."

Bringing outside influence for the furtherance of the interests of Government servants.

* 185 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is a Government Order preventing Government servants from approaching M.Ps., M.L.As. and M.L.Cs. for support for redressal of their grievances?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" According to rule 24 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, Government servants should not bring or attempt to bring any political or other outside influence to bear upon any superior authority for the furtherance of their interests."

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—" அரசாங்கத்தில் வேலை செய்யும் ஊழியர்கள் அத்தனைபேருக்கும் வோட்டுரிமை இருக்கிறது. அவர்களுடைய குறைகளை தங்கள் தொகுதியைச் சேர்ந்த சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்களிடத்தில் சொல்லி அதற்கான நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாவிட்டால் அவர்களது சுயநலமும் சுதந்தரமும் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறது என்பதை சர்க்கார் அறியுமா ? அப்படி அறிந்தால் அவர்களுக்கு விதிவிலக்கு அளிக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the Government servants when they enter the service agree to abide by the Government Servants' Conduct Rules. Knowing the conditions under which they have to serve, they enter Government service. Further we have to take into consideration the efficiency of the service also. There should also be no undue advantage taken by one person as against another. There are the superior officers to look into the grievances of any official. Therefore, it has been laid down in the Rules that no outside influence should be brought to bear upon any superior authority for the furtherence of their cause."